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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

This Bureau's investigation of communist influence in racial matters has developed considerable information indicating the influence upon Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, by individuals with subversive backgrounds such as Stanley David Levison, Harry Wachtel, Bayard Rustin and others. From time to time, King meets with these individuals and coverage of these meetings by this Bureau results in the obtaining of evidence of the influences upon King as well as information concerning the tactics and plans of King and his organization in the civil rights movement. The coverage of these meetings also has developed information concerning King's involvement in the Vietnam situation. These meetings frequently take place in hotel rooms in New York City.

On January 20, 1966, information was received that King plans to arrive in New York City on January 21, 1966, and will stay at the Americana Hotel, 52nd Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, from January 21, 1966, until approximately January 25, 1966. We also had information that King planned to meet with his advisors this week in New York City. Because of the importance of the meeting and the urgency of the situation, a microphone surveillance was effected January 21, 1966, on King in Rooms 3435 - 3437, Americana Hotel, New York City. This surveillance involved trespass. It will be immediately discontinued upon his departure.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: See Sullivan to DeLoach memorandum, 1/21/66, same caption, prepared by RFB:deh.

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This memorandum is classified "Secret" since it concerns a microphone surveillance, unauthorized disclosure of which could result in serious damage to the Bureau's security coverage to the detriment of national security.